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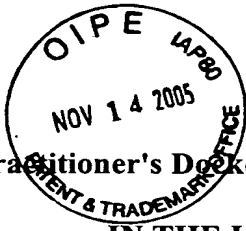
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Also enclosed is a copy of an Office Action from a corresponding Japanese patent application (along with a partial English Translation) bearing a mailing date of October 25, 2005, and the U.S. PTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein. Please note that two of the references cited in the Japanese Office Action were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed September 28, 2005, namely, WO 01/69710 (Ref. AB) and JP Patent No. 2851966 (Ref. AH - JP Publication No. 05-275903 A1).

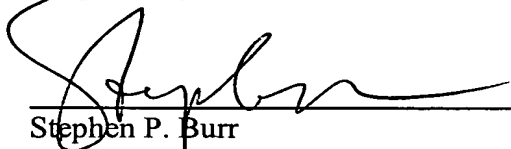
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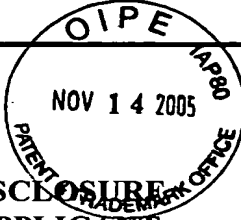


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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation	Abstract
	<i>AM</i>	06-097705	04/08/1994	JP			JPO Machine Translation	✓
	<i>AN</i>	2003-087005	03/20/2003	JP			JPO Machine Translation	✓
	<i>AO</i>	08-032308	02/02/1996	JP			JPO Machine Translation	✓
	<i>AP</i>	07-007306	01/10/1995	JP			JPO Machine Translation	✓
	<i>AQ</i>	10-335903	12/18/1998	JP			JPO Machine Translation	✓

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Rejection of the Application

Cited Reference(s)

- D1: WO 01/69710
- D2: Japanese Patent No. 2851966
- D3: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 6-97705
- D4: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2003-87005
- D5: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 8-32308
- D6: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-7306
- D7: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 10-335903

Examiner's Statement

Claim 1 is rejected in view of references D1 through D4 for lack of inventive step.

Claim 4 is rejected in view of references D1 through D4 for lack of inventive step.

Claim 7 is rejected in view of references D1 through D4 for lack of inventive step.

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected in view of references D1, D2 and D5 through D7 for lack of inventive step.

Prior Art made of record

Searched Field:

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to disclosure.